



# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

The good weather has finally arrived!

It is hard to believe that there are less than 2 months left of school and yet, we have so many great things to look forward to here at Timberbank. Our School Council is organizing our 4th Annual Spring Fair on June 13th and we hope that it will continue to bring our community even closer together. Our students will once again be featured at the Asian Heritage Celebration on May 29th and also at the South Asian Heritage Celebration on June 6th. Along with this honour, our students have submitted a video montage of what music means to us at Timberbank and it will be shown at this year's Spring Music Festival.

We also are working towards our Eco-certification for this year. Timberbank staff, students and the community are working hard to become more eco-conscious. Thank you for sending in your milk bags, remembering to compost and working on our litter-less lunches. And of course, thanks to all of our students for their efforts to walk or bike to school on "Walking Wednesdays". We also recently did our waste audit and now we are waiting to meet with the EcoSchools team.

The first week of May is also Education Week and Children's Mental Health Week. At Timberbank, we have been taking a moment to "drop everything and breath" each week as a whole school. Remembering to be mindful and recognize that well-being belongs to all of us.

The last week of May and first week of June, our grade 3 and 6 students will prepare to write the primary and junior assessments for EQAO. Our fantastic teachers continue to focus on the higher order thinking skills that will prepare our students for the 21st century. We hope that you are able to read daily with your child, talk about what you read and of course, ask them about what they learned at school that day.

*Mrs. Anna Epitropou*

Spring

## Upcoming Dates

May 11 East Folkfest Jamboree @ Scarborough Civic Centre @ 6pm  
 May 12 South Folkfest Event @ East York CI - bus leaves Timberbank at 5:15pm  
 May 13 Grade 5 Scientist in School in the AM  
 May 13 Spring Fair Meeting at 6:30pm in the library  
 May 14 SPORTS Day - wear your favourite team's jersey/colours  
 May 14 ON TRACK Assembly - pm  
 May 15 "Fashion Takes Action" Workshop - Ms Persaud's class in the pm  
 May 18 VICTORIA DAY - No School  
 May 19 Special Needs Folkfest Event @ Ted Reeve Arena - Ms Persaud's class in the am  
 May 19 Track and Field Event @ Birchmount CI - all day  
 May 20 "Fashion Takes Action" Workshop - Mr. O'Connor/Mrs. Corrieri's classes - AM  
 May 21 Education for Social Innovation @ Ontario Science Centre  
 May 25 1pm - Humber Jazz in Schools presentation  
 May 26-29 EQAO Grade 6  
 May 27 Forest Valley Outdoor Education Trip - Grade 1 and Grade 1/2 classes  
 May 29 Asian Heritage Celebration @ Northern Secondary School - am  
 June 1-3 EQAO Grade 3  
 June 5 PA DAY - No School



## School Council Corner

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fair

on Saturday June 13th

A major fund-raising activity held by school council yearly.

## FIVE WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

**EVENT DAY HELP:** Volunteers are needed at the fair - just an hour or throughout the event - whatever you can offer!

**VENDOR TABLES:** You or someone you know can rent a table to sell or promote something at the fair for only \$25/table

**USE OF PORTABLE CANOPIES:** Seeking pop-up canopies we can borrow for the event to shield from rain or sun.

**DONATIONS:** Raffle prizes or cash donations from businesses or individuals to support the cost of the major attractions in exchange for signage and recognition.

**INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS!**

## LET US KNOW IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THESE!

Thank You To Our Supporters so far:  
Emad Petro & William Jaramillo -  
Sutton Group  
Disney;

Debi Alleway - Royal LePage;  
Keurig; Jack Astors; & Cineplex

## What's New at the Spring Fair

- Disney Cast Members Including a Parade
- Rock Wall Climbing - 3 Different Walls
- Three New Inflatable Rides - 5 in Total

## Eco-Reading Buddies

Mrs. Montgomery's Kindergarten Class learned about oil spills through the book "Prince William" by Gloria Rand. It is about a baby seal who was covered in oil

from an oil spill. Their Reading Buddies in Ms Persaud's Grade 3/4

Class also learned

about the Gulf of Mexico oil spill through a documentary.



At our next Reading Buddies period, we explored together the effects of an oil spill. The



challenge was to clean up a mock oil spill with our buddies using various tools.

Could we do it? We learned that it is VERY hard to clean oil off of water and animals, and that it is a very messy job. The effects of an oil spill are vast and long lasting.



### tdsbCARES - Nepal

At Timberbank Junior Public School, we are participating in the **tdsbCARES: Nepal Region Earthquake Relief** fundraising efforts to support the Canadian Red Cross as they provide assistance to the people in Nepal following the powerful earthquake that recently devastated parts of the country. Our school is planning to send all the monies collected through our Canteen sales during the month of May to tdsbCARES.

In addition, Timberbank will be collecting donations of cash or cheques, which will be forwarded through the TDSB to the Canadian Red Cross. The charity will issue tax receipts for all online donations as well donations via cheque (minimum value of \$20). The TDSB fundraising appeal will run until May 25th. The federal government has announced that they will match all eligible donations made by that date.



### Flower Donations

The front of our school is in need of some flowers. Our gardening club will be working hard over the next couple of weeks to beautify the two flower beds in front of our school. If you would like to help us by donating some flowers, plants or gardening tools, please contact Mrs. Garcia in the main office at 416-396-6605.

We appreciate your help and your support with this!

### Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit. Attached to this newsletter is a list of Parking Regulations as provided by Toronto Police Services.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.
- **Flu Season** is upon us. Please remember to wash your hands frequently and if you do not have a Kleenex then you can always do the "sleeve sneeze". Help prevent germs from spreading...



### Kindergarten Registration Continues...please come see us in the Office

Please bring: A. Proof of Age (birth certificate/passport);

B. 2 pieces of identification that show your address;

C. Health card; and

D. immunization card (shows a list of the needles your child has had)





## Staff Member of the Month!

Staff Member:

claudette

Written By:

Jamie and Aatmayan

1. What is your job? How long have you worked at Timberbank?

I am the caretaker I have  
worked at Timberbank for 12 years.

2. What are some of your responsibilities for your job?

My responsibilities are Making sure  
the school is safe, Keeping the school  
clean, cutting grass and cleaning garbage  
outside.

3. What are some things that you like about your job?

I like seeing all the kids in the school.

4. What's the hardest thing about your job?

The hardest part of my job is shovelling  
the snow in the winter time.



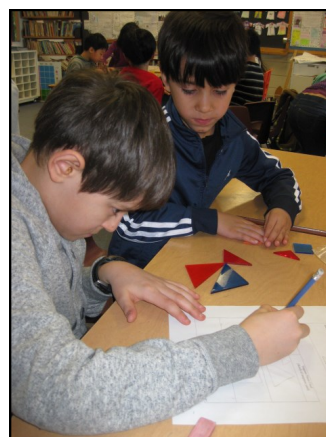
## Happy Mother's Day to All!



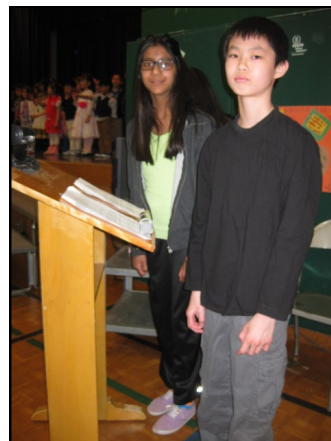
## Training for our 5K Run/Walk - Fit for Life



## Working, Cleaning Up & Having Fun Learning



## Spring Concert - "The Discovery of Treasures"

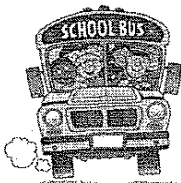


**PARENT WORKSHOP**

ER 19 Family of Schools Parent Engagement Committee Presents

**Your Child's Journey to Success****Kindergarten - Grade 12****TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.****ALBERT CAMPBELL C.I.****Learn about & better understand**

- ♦ The importance of oral literacy in the elementary years
- ♦ Managing middle school successfully
- ♦ Preparing for and achieving success during and after secondary school
- ♦ Mindful strategies to help students focus and learn better



Light dinner &amp; transportation\* provided

\*Board bus at Stephen Leacock C.I. at 5:45 p.m. outside of Door #1

**Please complete the form below and return to your school's office by May 8, 2015**☐ **Yes, please pre-register me for Tuesday, May 19, 2015****Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_☐ Number of adults ☐ I need child minding for \_\_\_\_ child(ren)I need an interpreter for ☐ Cantonese ☐ Mandarin ☐ Tamil ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_I will take the bus from Stephen Leacock C.I. ☐